

The Birth of Zero

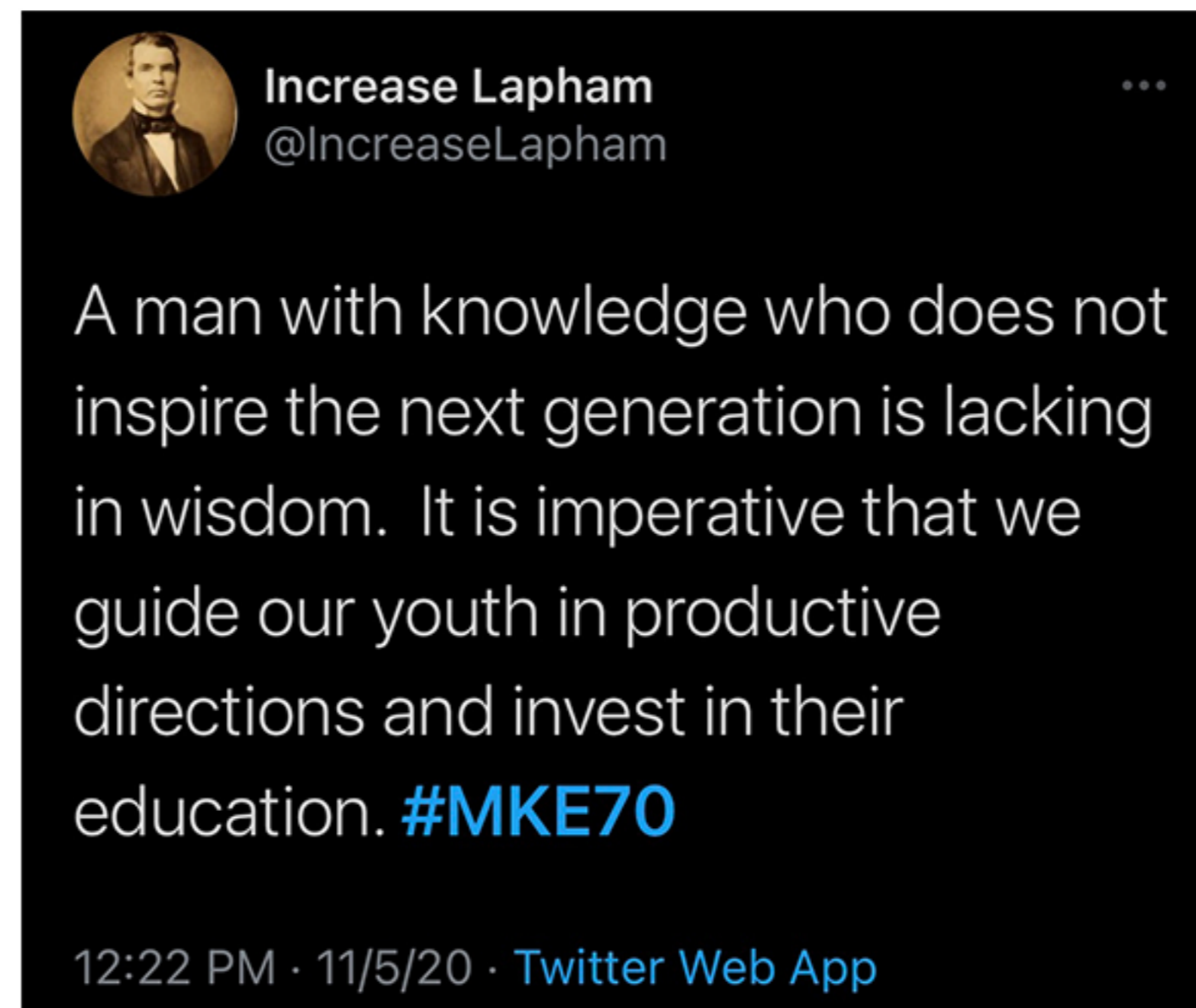
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Screenshots from the Fall 2020 Twitter reenactment



Possible Characters

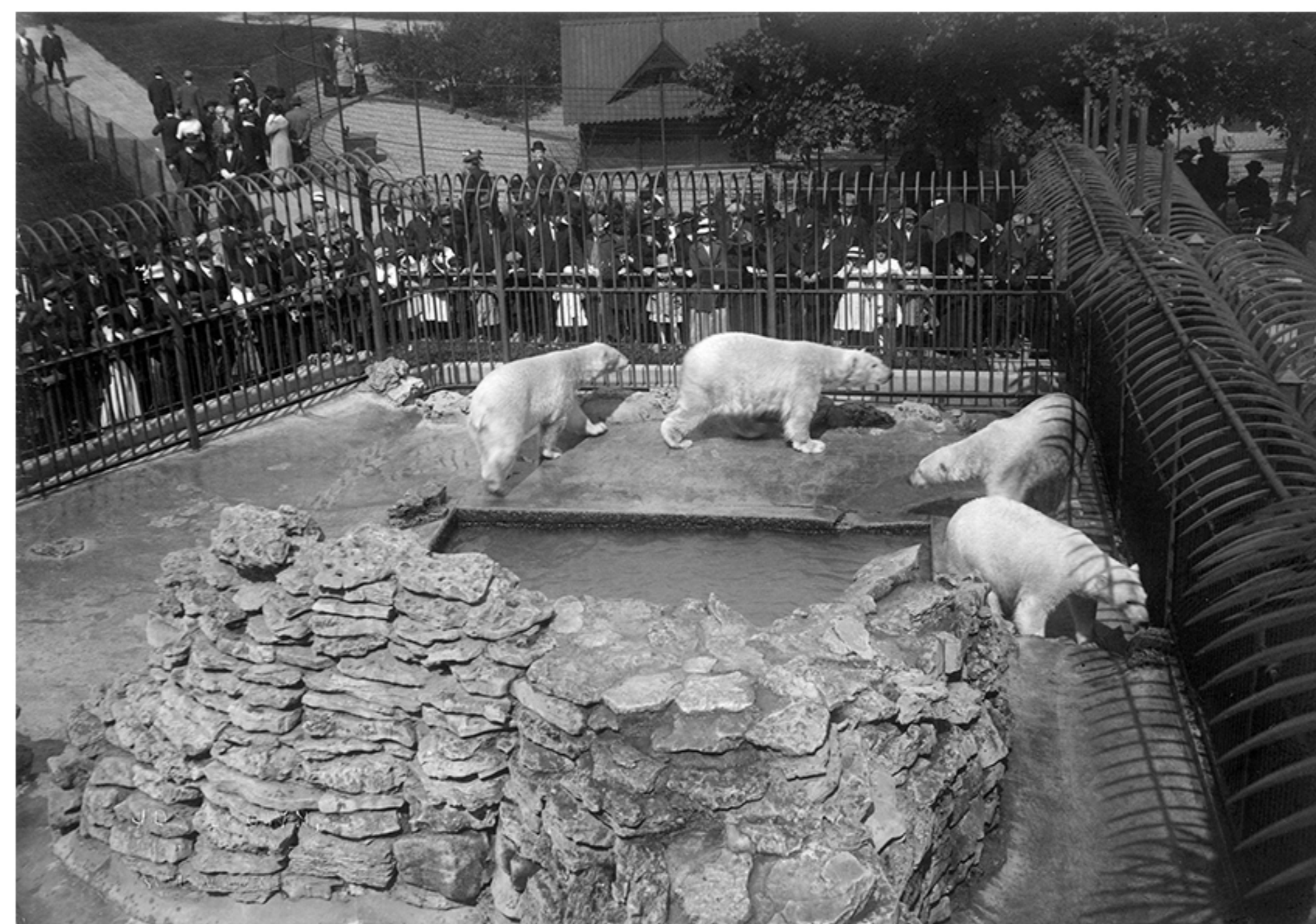
- Sultana
- Silver King
- Zero
- Other polar bears
- A zookeeper - Edward Bean
- Zoo director
- Other Zoological Society Staff
- F.L. Olmsted
- Mayor Hoan
- City boosters
- Newspaper reporter
- Brewery worker
- Zoo guests/visitors
- Carl Hagenbeck
- Zoological Society board member
- Common Council member
- School teacher of younger children

Research Themes

- Milwaukee's Socialist History
- The History of Field Trips
- Polar Bear Transportation
- The Washington Park Zoo
- Child-rearing tactics from the 20th Century
- WWI and its Effects on Veterans
- Public Spaces

These themes may sound like they are completely unrelated, but together, they create the context around this event.

Polar bears, circa 1915



Wisconsin Historical Society, Joseph Brown, Joseph Brown Photographic Studio. Viewed Online at <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Image/IM49504>

Seal exhibit, 1914

